

SEIJI IS ABLE TO PURSUE HIS DREAM OF BECOMING A SUCCESSFUL PHOTOGRAPHER WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT OF DVR.

### After Eligibility

By law, when DVR cannot serve everyone who is eligible for and wants services, it must determine the order in which people are served based on disability-related criteria.

### Possible Delay in Services

Depending on the date of your application and the priority level currently being served, your name may be placed on a waiting list for services.

### Vocational Assessment

You and a DVR Counselor explore types of jobs that best match your strengths, abilities and interests.

### Plan for Employment

You will begin to work on activities to assist you in achieving your job goals. Your counselor offers guidance and support as you move through the steps of your employment plan.

### Successfully Employed

DVR will work with you along the way to achieving your job goals. After you get a job, DVR will maintain contact with you for at least 90 days to make sure the job is a good match.

### Things to expect at your first meeting with a DVR Counselor

- ☐ Discuss questions you may have about DVR Services
- ☐ Go over your completed Vocational Information form
- ☐ Make copies of ID and SS card
- ☐ Fill out application
- ☐ Discuss the Client Assistance Program

## Parents often ask



### Do we have to pay for anything if our child receives VR services?

A DVR counselor meets with students and their family to explore ways of paying for services. Parents will complete a Financial Statement form to establish personal resources available to assist with case services.

### How can I help support my child and their counselors?

Parental support during the rehabilitation process is very important to your child's success. In addition to emotional support, if your child is under 18, you must authorize all services provided through DVR.



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**DVR** Division  
of Vocational  
Rehabilitation

For more information about DVR services, visit us on the web at [www1.dshs.wa.gov/dvr](http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/dvr) or call us at 1-800-637-5627 (Voice/TTY).



**Student  
Transition  
Guide**





WORKING  
WITH MY DVR  
COUNSELOR,  
I GOT THE JOB  
I WANTED AS  
A BICYCLE  
TECHNICIAN.

## What is... ...DVR?

**T**he Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is a program within the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).

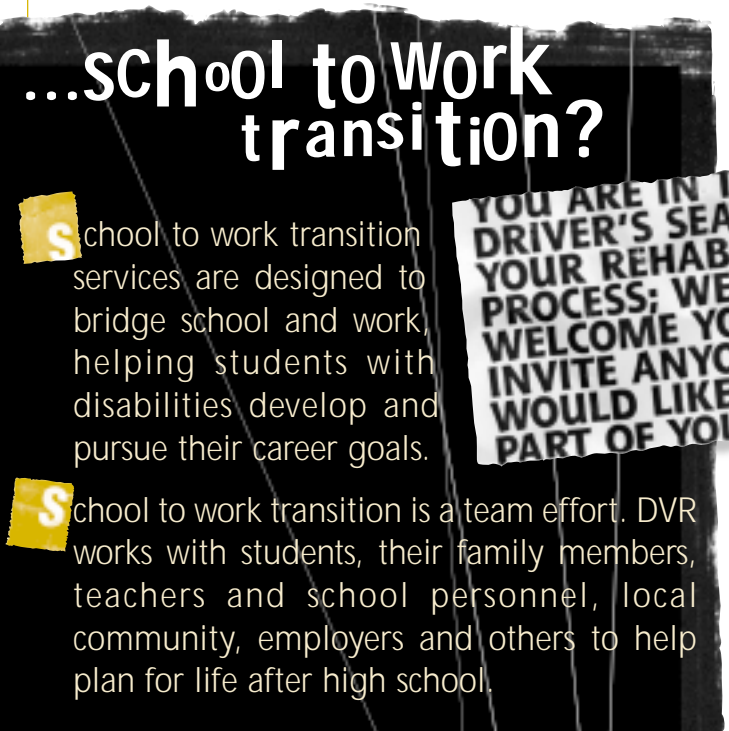
**D**VRevisions a world in which individuals with disabilities who want to work are employed and have career goals that lead to personal fulfillment.

**B**y establishing an important partnership with a vocational rehabilitation counselor, DVR customers get the counseling and guidance they need to make decisions about their career goals.

## ...School to Work transition?

**S**chool to work transition services are designed to bridge school and work, helping students with disabilities develop and pursue their career goals.

**S**chool to work transition is a team effort. DVR works with students, their family members, teachers and school personnel, local community, employers and others to help plan for life after high school.



YOU ARE IN THE  
DRIVER'S SEAT OF  
YOUR REHABILITATION  
PROCESS; WE  
WELCOME YOU TO  
INVITE ANYONE YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO BE  
PART OF YOUR TEAM.

## Is DVR right for you?

You may be eligible for DVR Services if you can answer "YES" to both of these questions:

**1** Do you have a physical, mental or learning disability that limits your ability to work?

**2** Do you want to work, go to college or obtain additional training after graduation?

If you answered YES to both of the above questions and you wish to apply for DVR services, then follow along.

Read through the DVR Guide to Services to see if DVR might be able to help you go to work.

## How do I know if I am eligible for DVR services?

**T**o determine if you are eligible for DVR services, DVR will gather information about you and your disability. We can do this in three ways.

1. You provide DVR with documentation from your school and/or your medical professional that states your disability.
2. You provide DVR with the name and phone number of your health care provider and, with your permission, we collect information on your disability.
3. If you don't have a doctor who has diagnosed your disability then DVR may send you for an evaluation with a medical professional. This evaluation will be set up by your DVR counselor and will be paid for by DVR.

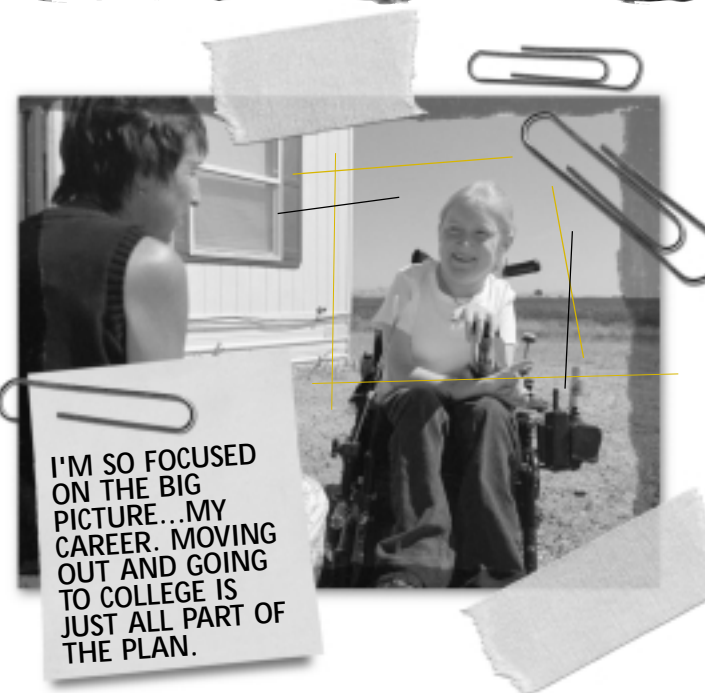
**All of the information we collect about you is kept confidential. We do not share information about you without your written approval.**

To apply for DVR services or before you meet with the DVR Counselor, please complete the following:

- Schedule an appointment with the DVR High School Liaison Counselor in their office or at your school.
- Complete the paperwork in your packet, including the Vocational Information form, and bring it to your scheduled appointment.
- Please bring your picture ID and Social Security card or your birth certificate.
- Once DVR receives all the records and evaluations, the counselor determines if the information verifies that you have a disability that gets in the way of going to work.

My application Date is:

**IMPORTANT:** Your application date for VR services is a very important date to keep track of. This will help determine when you may be receiving DVR services as you transition from school to work.



I'M SO FOCUSED  
ON THE BIG  
PICTURE...MY  
CAREER. MOVING  
OUT AND GOING  
TO COLLEGE IS  
JUST ALL PART OF  
THE PLAN.